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## **Montana Talking Book Library**

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Home page: http://msl.state.mt.us/mtbl/tbl.html

# READER'S DIGEST AND NEWSWEEK RENEWALS

If you are a subscriber to the *Reader's Digest* or *Newsweek* on cassette, please watch for the annual renewal notice that APH (American Printing House) sends out each fall. If you wish to renew your subscription, you will need to send the notice to APH, or else your subscription will lapse. If your subscription has stopped, please call Lee at 1-800-332-3400, or 406-444-2064 and he will contact APH. The renewal letter mentions giving a donation to APH, and while donations are appreciated, they are not necessary to receive a subscription.

#### **MAGAZINE CHANGES**

NLS has announced that it will continue to transfer magazines from flexible-disc (FD) format to cassette format. The magazines slated for this change with the first issue of 1999 are: Civilization, bimonthly; Computer Life, monthly; Consumer Reports, monthly; Eating Well, bimonthly; Ebony, monthly; Good Housekeeping, monthly; Money, monthly; The New York Times Book Review, weekly; People, weekly; Stereo Review, monthly; Travel Holiday, monthly; and Working Woman, monthly. The transition will continue in

2000 with another set of titles and all remaining FD magazine titles will be transferred to cassette in 2001.

# TEXTBOOKS AND PLAYBACK EQUIPMENT

If your child needs recorded textbooks, they can be obtained from Recordings for the Blind & Dyslexic (RFB&D). RFB&D is not affiliated with the Montana Talking Book Library. They have their own eligibility requirements and application procedures. Contact them direct at 1-800-221-4792.

If the only recorded reading materials your child needs or wants are textbooks, you must <u>purchase</u> special playback equipment from RFB&D or another source. The Library can not lend equipment for the sole purpose of playing textbooks. If you get equipment from MTBL and do not borrow books from us regularly, you will be required to return it. If you have questions regarding playback equipment for schools or students, please contact Alberta at 1-800-332-3400 or 406-444-2064.

Please be kind and rewind Descriptive Videos before returning.

## SUMMER READING PROGRAM A SUCCESS

The Good, the Bad and the Bugly Summer Reading program was a huge success with 35 participants. Many prizes were awarded to recognize young readers. Prizes included commercially produced books on tape, and a descriptive video. Roberta appreciates all the participants willingness to read and share ideas about what can be done to better the summer reading program. The theme for next year's program is tentatively set as "Dig up a good book". If you have any ideas for books to be included or for activities, please contact Roberta at 444-2064 or 1-800-332-3400.

#### DID YOU KNOW .....?

That the Montana Talking Book Library produces several magazines in our local recording studios? The Montana **Magazine of Western History** is published quarterly by the Montana Historical Society. The magazine includes articles about western history. WOW (Wild Outdoor World) is published bimonthly by the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. This magazine is distributed to 4th grade classrooms throughout Montana and the US. WOW includes articles on science and nature. *Montana* **Outdoors** is published bimonthly by Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks and deals primarily with hunting and the outdoors. If you are interested in receiving any of these magazines please contact your readers' advisor.

## 1997 MEDICARE HANDBOOK AVAILABLE

The library has received some copies of the 1997 Medicare Handbook in both Spanish and English. The handbook is provided by the US Department of Health Care Financial Administration. There are 5 English copies available and 3 Spanish copies available. If you are interested in receiving a copy, please call the library.

## **Library Holidays**

November 26-Thanksgiving
December 25-Christmas
January 1-New Year's Day
January 18-Martin Luther King Jr.Day
February 15 - President's Day

## **Library Hours**

Monday - Friday 8am-5pm

### **Phone Hours**

Monday - Friday 9am-5pm

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#### **BLUE RIDGE RADIO PLAYS**

The Library has recently acquired the tapes available from the Blue Ridge Radio Players. These tapes are recorded on two sides and are to be played at 1 7/8 speed. If you are interested in receiving the following plays, please call or send in requests for the following:

OS 62 Afterward

OS 63 An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge

OS 64 The brightest and the best

OS 65 The cask of Amontillado

OS 66 The Cat and the Expert Plumber

OS 67 The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County

OS 68 Dan Sickels

OS 69 The Devil's Disciple

OS 70 The Dreadful Dragon of Oz

OS 71 Gift of the Magi

OS 72 Goldie

OS 73 Help Wanted

OS 74 How Santa Claus Came to

Simpon's Bar

OS 75 Insomnia

OS 76 Jeff Peters as a Personal Magnet

OS 77 Jeff Peters vs. Matrimony

OS 78 Jimmy Valentine

OS 79 Jury of Her Peers

OS 80 Molly o' - A Love Story

OS 81 Monkey Boy

OS 82 The Monkey's Paw

OS 83 The Necklace

OS 84 The Phantom of the Opera

OS 85 The Red-headed League

OS 86 Row for Your Lives

OS 87 The Sign of 4

OS 88 The Spectre Bridegroom

OS 89 Star Boarder

OS 90 Three Strikes You're Out

**OS 91 Tobermory** 

OS 92 Triple A Credit

OS 93 The Wizard of Oz

OS 94 Wyatt's Wife

OS 95 Louis Braille and the Baker's Daughter

OS 96 Jane Eyre

OS 97 Sleight of Hand

OS 98 The Blue Hotel

OS 99 Animal Tales

#### **NEW DV CATALOG**

A new Descriptive Video (DV) catalog will soon be available. This catalog includes an updated list of the DV's available from the library. To receive DV's you must be receiving books from the library and you must provide a request list of DV's to the library. You are allowed to receive one DV at a time. You must return a DV in order to receive another one.

### **REGIONAL LIBRARIAN'S SPOTLIGHT**

Thank you for the books you recommend so that others may enjoy them. In addition, I appreciate the many complimentary cards, notes and letters on our services. Please keep letting us know how we are doing, so we can continue improving.

Christie Briggs Regional Librarian

The Montana Talking Book Library uses tax deductible donations to purchase equipment and materials not otherwise available. A thank you letter is sent to the donor. For a memorial, notification is also sent to the family. The amount is confidential. Please include the name of the person for whom the tribute is made, and the name and address of those to be notified of the gift.

## **DONATIONS**

Thelma Beausoleil **David Bower Butte Lions Club** Kenneth Davis Buster & Priscilla Dickert Fort Benton Women's Club Golden Girls J. Milton & Elsie M. Lund Virginia Marchello Ellen McGillvray Gertrude Melby Mildred Meredith Nellie Messer Jack Musegades Helen Myers Shelley Oertli Alenath Rich Gordon & Barbara Richardson David Rotar Rose Mary Rougle Leonard & Fern Salisbury **Doris Triplett** Velma Turner Florence R. Bailev Woodworth



### **MEMORIALS**

Fawn Marie Annin

Thomas P. Koch

Jon Beck

Dick & Nancy Beck

**Douglas Brownlee** 

Thomas P. Koch

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Jean Loshesky

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Margery N. Warfield

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Merlin Shennum Family

**Margaret Singer** 

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Zoe Kilbourne

**Gladys Singer** 

Erma Peterson

Irene Hefenieder

David & Marlys Fletcher

William & Carol Fortune

Vincent Norskog

Willard & Carol Dale

Elaine Singer

Christina Dale

**Deborah Brace** 

**Betty Long** 

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Bernard & Mary Ekranger

Kristina Singer Mitzman

Wilbur & Alice Layman

Mrs. Summerfield

Mary Lou Borden

**Eleanor Trubell** 

Phyllis Herbert

Lea Vargas

Marta Vargas

**Alvida Walters** 

Lee & Betty Peterson

#### **GARBLED TAPES**

Have you been listening to a book only to be frustrated when you turn the tape over and it sounds garbled? Here are some tips to try before returning the tape to the library.

- 1. The tape may be loose. Take the cassette out of the machine and tighten the tape by turning the left spoke on the cassette counter clockwise.
- 2. Static buildup can also cause the tape to sound garbled. To eliminate static, tap the cassette gently on a table top or desk. Do this two or three times, turning the tape over each time.
- 3. With the machine handle facing you, check the variable speed control (the sliding knob at the top right-hand side of the player) and the speed switch (just below the variable speed control). Both need to be on the left side.

If the problem remains, tie a piece of string or rubber band around the cassette and place in the top of the container, braille side down. Return the entire book to the library. Call to request a replacement, or check the box in the upper left hand corner of the return address label marked defective book/send another copy. If you do not want another copy, please check the box in the upper left hand corner of the return mailing label marked defective book.

Please speak clearly, spell your last name and include your city and phone number in all messages left on phone voice mail. Thank you.

#### ANNUAL VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

This year's volunteer recognition was held in conjunction with the Talking Book Library's 30th Anniversary celebration at the Montana State Capitol Rotunda on September 29th. The celebration began with Christie Briggs, Regional Librarian, giving a brief history of the Talking Book Library. State Librarian, Karen Strege, introduced Secretary of State, Mike Cooney, who presented special awards to volunteers. The 1998 Special Appreciation Award was given to Barbara Baarson for her many years of dedicated service in circulation and many other areas of the library. Chuck Wirth was honored from the Telephone Pioneers for his hard work in maintaining playback equipment. The Recording Team of the year was Lea Blunn, narrator, Mary Zednick, monitor, Jane Briney and Giles Walker, reviewers. Stan Lynde, author and cartoonist, spoke on his love of books and reading and how that had been nurtured as a "kid" and how important it is for all people to have access to books, and "reading". Carolyn Sung, Network Division Chief of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically handicapped, presented a plaque for Commendation of Service to the Telephone Pioneers. Special life-saver awards were given to the young people who helped us out over the summer and awards were given for 5, 10 and 15 years of service. Each volunteer was given a plate etched by State Library staff.

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## For Better Service....

- 1. Return each book as soon as you have finished it. We have a limited number of copies and often there is a waiting list.
- 2. Rewind all cassette tapes before returning them. To rewind, put the cassette on side 1, 5, etc. and press the rewind button.
- 3. Do not lend your books or equipment to others.
- 4. Include your name and address on all correspondence to the Library.
- 5. Place a rubber band or string around damaged cassettes. Mark the defective book box in the upper left hand corner of the return mailing label, or if you want a replacement copy mark the defective book/send another copy box.

- 6. Notes about books or services should not be placed inside book containers, because they can be easily missed or lost.
- 7. If you have a problem with your machine and sent it back to the Library for repair, please call the Library and ask for a replacement machine. Machines are not automatically sent back out.
- 8. If you are not getting the books you want, or have been getting too many of a certain author, call and let your reader advisor know. The only way we know you are not happy with your service is if you let us know.